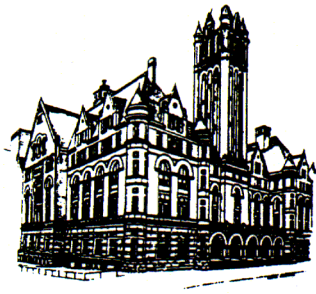


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Notice to Members of the Bar and Public

Re: Implementation of New Case Management System

The Bankruptcy Court will implement a new case management system (CM) on February 23, 2004. This will result in a number of positive changes for the court, the bar and the public.

The new system will allow the clerk's office to create electronic case files and make them available in PACER through the internet. The PACER dockets will contain links to documents filed on or after February 23.

Since the electronic files will be available simultaneously to everyone who needs access to them, there will **no longer** be a **need to file multiple copies of documents in most instances beginning February 23**. We have updated the filing requirements in the Appendix to the Local Rules and published a revised version on the court's web site.  
(<http://www.wieb.uscourts.gov/news.htm>)

In addition, petition filers will **no longer be required to file a Summary Information Sheet as of February 23**. It has been removed from the revised version of the Appendix.

The most exciting change the new CM system will bring is that we will be able to accept documents filed electronically by the bar in the very near future. This feature is known as ECF. We will complete ECF training for the judges' and clerk's staffs within the next few weeks. After that we will provide training for the US Trustee and the case trustees.

We understand that attorneys who file large numbers of petitions, and those outside the Milwaukee area, are especially anxious to begin filing electronically. We have developed training for petition filers and will begin delivering that training in the next few months.

The clerk's office is looking forward to the advantages of the new CM system and we hope you are too. Please review the revised Local Rules Appendix so you can make appropriate changes in your filing procedures when CM is implemented on February 23.

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